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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

--Article I, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

## "'PATRIOTIC' JERSEY MILITIA PROTESTS ASSAULT GUN BAN"

So reads the headline of the Sunday *Star-Ledger*, December 3, 1995.

Members of the New Jersey Militia passed out flyers in over 20 cities in Union County with the message that police should not enforce unconstitutional gun laws. *"The fliers handed out yesterday asked police not to enforce the law, which requires gun owners to turn in a number of semiautomatic weapons now illegal. The Militia argued this is an ex post facto (retroactive) law barred by the U.S. Constitution"*, the *Star-Ledger* reported. *"We're reminding police officers of their sworn oath to protect the Constitution,"* said Earl Dickey, a key figure in starting the NJM.

NJM members Earl Dickey and Bob Figueroa also met with Hillside Police Captain Henry Cenker to discuss the constitutionality of New Jersey gun laws, which are among the strictest in the nation.

The *Star-Ledger* also reported: *"Figueroa argued that any effort to remain secretive would give law enforcement more of an excuse to crack down. He said he fully expects federal agents to secretly photograph militia members and write down license plate numbers outside their meetings."*

NJM has received information from a "very reliable source" that our meetings have been infiltrated by a member of law enforcement. We believe this is a waste of tax payers money. Any member of law enforcement who wishes to attend our meetings is more than welcome to do so. As Bob Figueroa said in the article: *"We're out in the open, we're not operating outside the law. It would be folly to operate outside the law."*

## UNION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST NJM AND FOR GUN CONTROL

Michael J. Lapolla, First Assistant Prosecutor of Union County, doesn't share NJM's position on unconstitutional gun laws. An NJM member received the following letter from Mr. Lapolla's office dated Dec. 11, 1995:

Dear Mr. Figueroa:

*I am the First Assistant Prosecutor in Union County. I had the honor and privilege of serving with Prosecutor Andrew K. Ruotolo from the day he took office in 1991 until his untimely death on September 21.*

*When I first read Steve Chambers' article "'Patriotic' Jersey Militia Protests Assault Gun Ban" (Star Ledger 12/3/95), I found it disturbing - but not surprising - that your organization chose to begin its campaign against the assault weapons law here in Union County due to Prosecutor Ruotolo's position calling for the "aggressive enforcement" of that law here in Union County. The fact that you would attack Prosecutor Ruotolo in the press only weeks after his death speaks volumes about your organization and its members. At the time, I decided against giving credence to you and your organization with a written response.*

*Since that time, however, I have had the opportunity to read your press release on this subject and find it necessary to respond.*

*The assault weapons law is something that Prosecutor Ruotolo - and almost all of law enforcement - felt passionately about. You are wrong in attributing his position to his illness. His position on assault weapons was consistent throughout his career. Make no mistake about it.*

*Drew Ruotolo served this county and this state with great distinction. He and I shared a concern about the proliferation of assault weapons in the very communities we sought to protect.*

*I know that if he were here today he would wear your opposition to his position and your warped view of the assault weapons law like a badge on his sleeve. I know I do.*

Very truly yours,  
Michael J. Lapolla  
First Assistant Prosecutor

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** It's not what Mr. Lapolla says in his letter that needs to be pondered, but what he doesn't say: First, he denounces *"the proliferation of assault weapons"* but fails to give a reason why. Mr. Lapolla doesn't mention crime statistics involving the use of "assault weapons" (so called) to support his position, with good reason; they're so infinitesimally small it would be an embarrassment to his office and to legislators in Trenton. Case in point: The following crime statistics are from the N.J. Attorney General's Office for 1991.

**Murder**---410 cases, five evolving assault weapons; that's 1 percent.

**Armed Robbery**---22,728 cases, 47 involving assault weapons; that's 0.2 percent.

**Aggravated Assault**---23,720 cases, 23 involving assault weapons; that's 0.1 percent.

**Unlawful Possession**---7,050 cases, 70 involving assault weapons; that's 1 percent.

Total crime involving assault weapons in the state of New Jersey for 1991: **0.27 percent.**

Not exactly an epidemic. Now you can understand why Mr. Lapolla conveniently omits statistics involving assault weapons and crime from his letter. It defeats his argument.

Mr. Lapolla stated that NJM has a *"warped view of the assault weapons law..."*



Statistically speaking, it's Mr. Lapolla who has a warped view of the assault weapons law. Wouldn't it be easier to put the 0.27 percent of those who commit crimes with assault weapons in jail, and leave the law abiding citizens alone? Of course not, that would be too easy.

What are Prosecutor Lapolla, and other state and federal government officials afraid of? A plague of crime involving assault weapons? That's B.S., and everyone knows it. As Dominic Pilifrone, head of the N.J. bureau of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said: *"I've never encountered an assault rifle. The guns we have been dealing with are mostly 9 mm handguns, .38 caliber pistols and .25 caliber handguns because they're easier to conceal."*

Joseph Constance, Deputy Chief of police in Trenton, N.J., speaking about assault weapons, said: *"Pure nonsense, political pap. Assault weapons have never been an issue in law enforcement. I've been on this job for 25 years and I've not seen a drug dealer carry one."*

The issue isn't about assault rifles and crime, it's about power. Pure and simple! For the first time in this century the true meaning of the Second Amendment it beginning to come to life, and state and federal government officials don't like it. The very thought of "power" in the hands of "We, the People" is repugnant to our "servants" in state and federal government. Mr. Lapolla is a classic example!

NJM would like to ask Mr. Lapolla a question: could you list all the "criminal acts" that can be attributed to Militias in the past 250 years? If you can't list any, Mr. Lapolla, then why, in the name of common sense, are you and others involved in law enforcement so opposed to Militias? If it could be proven that Militias, historically and statistically speaking, are one of the most law abiding groups of people in American history, would you support them? The answer is, of course, no. Do you want to know why, Mr. Lapolla? It's because crime prevention is not your top priority, it's power and control.

You oppose Militias for the same reason, you oppose the principle of jury nullification. The very thought of jurors sitting in your court room who knows that he or she has the legal, moral and constitutional right to veto any law they feel violates constitutional or common law principles, is a threat to governmental control in the courtroom.

It's a matter of "We, the People" controlling government, instead of government controlling us, that you find so upsetting.

The question that Mr. Lapolla and others in state and federal government should be asking themselves is: *"What in the hell are we*

*doing that would cause hundreds of militias groups to form all over the country?"* Not, *"How can we take their guns away?"*

**Closing note:** According to Jews For The Preservation of Firearms Ownership, total deaths caused by governments with *their* assault weapons---just in this century alone---would total 55.9 million. In 1991, New Jersey criminals, with *their* assault weapons were responsible for 5 deaths. At this rate, it will take New Jersey criminals 11,180,000 years to equal the carnage caused by governments in less than 100 years. And Mr. Lapolla is worried about US!?

## ANOTHER PEN PAL

NJM received another letter concerning our efforts in Union County, this time from Hillside Chief of police, Frank DeSanto.

Dear Sirs,

*I take offense to your "News Bulletin & Plea for Reason" for the immediate release to prosecutors and lawmen. Your phrases "Stop the killing!!!" and "End the police state!!!" to begin the article are just inflammatory right wing rhetoric. The killings may or may not have been justified but that's what the courts are for. I'm sure that Koresh had something to do with the killing also. I don't see the police state that you allege. We get few complaints; and when we do, they are checked fairly and thoroughly.*

*I take great offense to your criticism of former Union County Prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo. The Prosecutor was a good and fair man and did not deserve any of the attacks that you unfairly charged him with. He believed in aggressive but fair enforcement for everything. I think it is very unfair that you attacked someone who is not here to defend himself. Of course, this is standard for people of your mentality.*

*I shudder when I think of all you narrow minded "militia" who want to arm themselves with more firepower than some countries. I fear for the safety of my officers who are doing the right thing, which is to fairly enforce the law. Hopefully, the politicians will continue to ban more weapons so there is a chance we can live in peace.*

Frank DeSanto,  
Chief of Police  
Hillside, N.J.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Not exactly a "love letter", but we'll try to address some of Chief DeSanto's points.

First and foremost Chief DeSanto's charge that we attacked the late Union county prosecutor after he died and *"is not here to defend himself"* and then claim that this is *"standard for people with your mentality"*, is a totally baseless charge. The truth is that we never mentioned him by name. We are not battling individuals; we are battling against "principals, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph.6:12). Also the prosecutor called for "aggressive enforcement" twelve days before his death. Had we done anything before, then Chief DeSanto would have criticized us for attacking a dying man. We consider Chief DeSanto's ghoulish charge against us as *"standard for people of his mentality"*; namely, damn the facts, demonize the militia at all costs.

Secondly, in regards to Chief DeSanto's charge that *"I think it is very unfair to attack someone who is not here to defend himself."* We say, tell that to David Koresh. Never, in the course of U.S history, has any American been so demonized as Koresh, and he is not *"here to defend himself"*, either. Even Lee Harvey Oswald didn't receive the treatment that the government gave Koresh.

Thirdly, as with Mr. Lapolla's letter, it's what Chief DeSanto didn't say that raises questions. He did not site a single criminal act that can be attributed to the New Jersey Militia. Not one! Zero!

This seems to be the trend with politicians, law enforcement and the press: they demonize Militias, but don't give any reason for doing so. The truth is, they just don't like the concept of the militia. They don't like the fact that the Second Amendment has become active after lying dormant for so many years.

Chief DeSanto mentioned in his letter that: *"I shudder when I think of all you narrow minded "militia" who want to arm themselves with more firepower than some countries. I fear for the safety of my officers who are doing the right thing..."*

Talk about a "bogeyman mentality"! Sounds like Chief DeSanto sits behind his desk everyday sipping Maalox worrying about what NJM is up to. Does he mention *any* conflicts between his officers and members of NJM? No! Does he mention *any* conflict between NJM with any police department *anywhere* in N.J.? No!

Alexander Hamilton spoke on this very subject in *Federalist Paper* No. 29: (You have read the *Federalist Papers*, haven't you Chief DeSanto? Everyone in NJM has.) Hamilton said:

*"There is something so far-fetched and so extravagant in the idea of danger to liberty*

---Lord Brougham, date unknown.

**The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the Crown. It may be frail---its roof may shake---the wind may blow through it---the storm may enter---the may enter ---but the King of England cannot enter!---all his force dares not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement!**



*from the militia that one is at a loss whether to treat it with gravity or with raillery...Where in the name of common sense are our fears to end if we may not trust our sons, our brothers, our neighbors, our fellow-citizens? What shadow of danger can there be from men who are daily mingling with the rest of their countrymen and who participate with them in the same feelings, sentiments, habits, and interests?"*

Chief DeSanto obviously does not share Mr. Hamilton's sentiments on the issue of the militia. Why is it that Americans, 200-plus years ago, felt perfectly at ease about militias and today they're hated and despised? If you read the writings of the Founding Fathers, you can't find an ill word written about the militia. Today, you can't find a good word written about them. Who changed?

Whenever politicians and members of law enforcement (such as Prosecutor Lapolla and Chief DeSanto) condemn militias and gun ownership, they never quote from Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Henry and a host of other Founding Fathers to support their position. The fact of the matter is, they can't.

## PROPERTY RIGHTS? WHAT PROPERTY RIGHTS?

By John Paff

Whenever Senators Dick LaRossa (R-Trenton) and Wayne Bryant (D-Camden) start speaking in glowing terms about the state's responsibility to give cities *"the tools they need to revitalize their urban areas"*, state taxpayers and property owners had better hold on tight to their wallets and property rights.

Senate Bill No. 1655, sponsored by LaRossa and Bryant, would create the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority (NJRA) and give that Authority broad powers to imbue the state's *"distressed and beleaguered urban centers"* with *"renewed economic potential."*

The bill--which is over 80 pages long--is a property rights advocate's nightmare. Following are some provisions from Article 3 of the bill, describing some of the "tools" that LaRossa and Bryant want.

The NJRA will create a "strategy document" that will designate zones of the state in need of *"revitalization."* Municipal governments having jurisdiction over these zones will create a list of *"abandoned properties"* existing in them. A parcel of land is to be considered *"abandoned"*, if it is in *"a state of disrepair"*. Also included will be parcels of land where *"environmental remediation"* is required by the Department of Environmental Protection, or those parcels *"for which the cost of remediation as required by the Industrial Site Recovery Act (ISRA)*

*exceeds the market value of the parcel if no environmental remediation was required."*

Owners of these properties will receive written notice that their properties have been designated as *"abandoned"*, and a list of all such property owners will be filed with the county clerk, where it will operate as a notice of *lis pendens*, creating a cloud on their titles. An owner of a designated parcel of land will have 30 days after receipt of the notice to appeal the property's designation. The burden of proof is on the property owner to show that the property was erroneously included on the list.

If the owner doesn't file or loses his appeal, his or her property will be *"valued and assessed as if all economically viable uses of the property have been precluded, until such time as the property is brought into compliance with all applicable building codes, standards and environmental regulation."* In other words, properties that remain on the list will be considered valueless.

At this point, the only way the owner can get the property off the *"abandoned"* list is to (1) pay all taxes and other municipal liens due, including interest and penalties, and, (2) convince the enforcing officer that the adverse conditions on the property have been fully remediated.

If the owner fails to remove the property from the abandoned property list within 60 days after being notified that the property is on the list, this shall be considered *"prima facie evidence"* that the owner has elected to abandon the property.

The municipality or NJRA can then proceed to condemn the property through the power of eminent domain, and since the owner is presumed to have abandoned the property, that owner (*get this*) *"shall be deemed to have waived the appointment of commissioners to fix just compensation"*, and will be compensated *"in an amount equal to the costs that the owner would be required to incur to remediate all conditions because of which the property has been deemed to be abandoned."*

At the November 27 hearings, the state Attorney General's office testified against the above provision, claiming it to be unconstitutional. The Assembly Appropriations Committee, however, still passed the bill, although it did withhold its *"favorable recommendation."*

Copies of S-1655 may be obtained at no cost by calling 1-800-792-8630.

## WACO SHOOTING INVOKES MEMORY OF WARSAW 1943

On Feb. 27 [1993] black-uniformed men of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms wearing "coal-scuttle" helmets and carrying German-made machine pistols attacked the

Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. Fifty years earlier, in January 1943, black-uniformed SS men wearing "coal-scuttle" helmets and carrying German-made machine pistols attacked the Jewish compound in Warsaw, Poland.

The BATF men were searching for illegal weapons reported by a paid informant to be in the Branch Davidian compound. The SS men were searching for illegal weapons reported by a paid informant to be in the Warsaw ghetto.

Reports from Texas indicated the Branch Davidians kept to themselves and harmed no one outside their compound prior to the BATF assault. History tells us the Jews kept to themselves and harmed no one outside the Warsaw ghetto prior to the SS assault.

The U.S. broadcast news media tells us that the Branch Davidians practiced contemptible sexual rituals involving young children, so they are an evil religious cult. Nazi news media told the German population that the Jews practiced contemptible sexual rituals involving children, so they were an evil religion.

The BATF invited the U.S. news media to document the BATF assault to show the American public how dangerous the Branch Davidians are. The SS had propagandists document its assault to show the German public how dangerous the Jews were.

Four BATF men were killed and 16 wounded in the initial assault on the Branch Davidian compound. Eleven SS men were killed and an unrecorded number wounded in the initial assault on the Warsaw ghetto.

After the initial assault, the BATF men magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Branch Davidian compound (and they could tend to their causalities). After their initial assault, the SS men magnanimously arranged a truce so children could be evacuated from the Warsaw ghetto compound (and they could tend to their causalities).

The BATF called up military units with armored vehicles to finish off the Branch Davidian compound after encountering fierce resistance against the initial assault. The SS called up the military units with armored vehicles to finish off the Warsaw ghetto after encountering fierce resistance against the initial assault.

Fifty years have passed, but little has changed.

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Wyandotte, Mich.

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## LETTERS FROM N.Y.

Dear Editor, NJM,

Since Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY) wants to investigate the militias, I say more power to him!

Here are some questions that need to be asked: How many doors have been kicked in by members of a militia? How many unarmed women have been shot and killed by members of a militia? How many homes and businesses have been trashed and property confiscated by militias? How many children have been gassed and burned to death by a militia?

Then in the interest of fairness, I would expect Rep. Schumer to ask these same questions of the FBI, ATF, CIA, and US Marshals.

These simple questions, if answered truthfully, would go a long way toward helping the public decide just exactly who the real "terrorists" are in this country.

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Dear Editor, NJM,

America is becoming a police state. Each year, more and more actions become either officially forbidden or officially required. The scope for individuals to decide how to live their own lives grows steadily narrower. The list of crimes grows longer and longer, and any deviance may subject the citizen to the wrath of the police, the courts, and the prisons—not to mention the fiery violence of the "federal alphabet soup agencies".

No one knows when the state will strike, for no one can possibly know whether he is violating the law—there are far more laws, regulations, and ordinances than anyone can possibly comprehend, much less obey. Citizens are now being punished for such "crimes" as filling in mud puddles or cutting down trees on their own land, selling vitamins and herbs, and charging to braid someone's hair without a license. Many are punished for no crime at all, when their property is seized without due process of law in so-called civil forfeitures.

People must come to a clearer understanding that, in politics things are seldom what they are represented to be.

Government thrives on sham: often it does not do what it claims to do, such as protecting life and property, and often it does what it is pledged not to do, such as singling out certain groups or individuals for selective punishment because of their unpopular attributes or beliefs.

To rest content with our present condition is to accept government officials as our masters. Freeborn men and women can never make that concession.

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## LYSANDER WHO?

From time to time you'll read quotes in the NJM Newsletter by a man named Lysander Spooner. A few readers have remarked: "I don't know who Spooner is but I like his quotes".

In the Introduction to *The Lysander Spooner Reader*, George H. Smith accurately said of Spooner: "*Lysander Spooner (1808-1887) was one of the greatest libertarian theorists of the nineteenth (or any other) century and a founding father of the modern movement. He was radical to the bone, a nonconformist among nonconformists who refused to toe any party line.*"

Spooner was a complex man to say the least. He was an avowed abolitionist but at the same time fully supported the South's right to secede from The Union. Regarding his essay, *No Treason*, Smith stated: "*He clearly distinguishes the evil of slavery from the right of secession—a right that was embodied in the American Revolution.*"

Other essays include *Natural Law*, *Vices Are Not Crimes*, and his classic *Trial By Jury*.

NJM doesn't make a habit of giving free advertisement for books, but in the case of *The Lysander Spooner Reader* we have to make an exception. Spooner's insight into the Constitution, Common Law, Natural Law and Individual Rights makes it a must-read. His book is available through Laissez Faire Books, 1-800-326-0996.

## WE NEED HELP(?)

Dear NJM:

Mr. A.G. sent me copies of your NJM newsletter.

Please keep in mind that the U.S. Constitution CANNOT be LAWFULLY suspended by U.S.C. Title 22, Sec. 2551-2571; State Dept. Pub. 7277; Executive Orders; Treaties etc. In fact, no government in this nation (Federal, State or local) can lawfully make or enforce ANY LAW which violates any provision of the U.S. Constitution--let alone SUSPEND IT!!

As Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy the President's orders (i.e. executive orders) #1 apply only to the military and are of course of some importance to various departments of the U.S. government, including federal judges appointed by the President, and, #2 All Executive Orders must by law, BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION OR SUCH AN E.O. IS NULL AND VOID!!

There are serious errors of law in your newsletter and you need HELP!!

Constitutionally yours, R.F., Union County, N.J. (Note: *emphasis is that of the writer, --ED.*)

A few days after receiving this letter from Mr. F, we received a copy of Executive Order #12919 from the Militia of Montana. In theory,

Mr. F, is correct, the Constitution should be the supreme law of the land, but after reading E.O. #12919 it become obvious that this is not the case. The list of Constitutional abuses contained in E.O. #12919 are too numerous to list, but here are a few examples:

Section 602 states that the federal government can "*employ persons of outstanding experience and ability WITHOUT COMPENSATION and to employ experts, consultants, or organizations.*" This is a direct violation of the 13th. Amendment that prohibits "*involuntary servitude*", which is reserved for prisoners. No more! If the Slick One decides to declare a "*national emergency*", for whatever reason, you could find yourself a slave, a proverbial worker bee, of the federal government. How do you fulfill your financial obligations during your time of "*employment*" with the federal government you might ask? E.O. #12919 makes no mention of that.

Mr. F also claims that Executive Orders only apply "*to the military*", not so. Section 601 specifically states that it applies to "*the private sector*" as well as government and exempts "*full-time federal employees*".

Section 901(a) gives the government authority to confiscate any motor vehicle "*regardless of ownership*".

Section 901(m) places "*all usable water, from all sources*" under federal control.

The list goes on and on...and on.

NJM has sent a copy of E.O. #12919 to Mr. F so he can read it for himself and see "the error of his ways". If anyone would like a copy send us a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope.

**Executive order:** "*An order or regulation issued by the President or some administrative authority under his direction for the purpose of interpreting, implementing, or giving administrative effect to a provision of the Constitution or of some law or treaty. To have the effect of law, such orders must be published in the Federal Register*".--**Black's Law Dictionary, Abridged Sixth Edition.**

## A YEAR LATER

By Earl Dickey

An invitation to participate in a round-table discussion on Dec. 17, 1994, at a diner in South Jersey, was dispatched by me on Nov. 15, 1994 to ten friends. This discussion was to focus on the plight of our nation, and to attempt to stop the tidal wave of socialism which has engulfed our entire nation.

To my amazement, between 23-26 people attended, and for the most part, the word upon their lips was to form a Militia. With careful consideration over the next few meetings, we



decided to follow through with the concept of a Militia.

It should be understood that the Militia is not a new idea, quite the "contrary. I would venture to say that it probably has its roots near the beginning of the creation of man. And just a reminder, man hasn't changed! History does indeed dictate that some people will always try to assume control over others.

To end this socialistic onslaught, we are attempting to create a great revival of awareness among all Americans. We have and will continue to champion the spirit of liberty in all our endeavors. We've had the opportunity of being a guest on the T.V. program *A Third Point of View* hosted by Shad Woolley. [For a copy send a blank videotape and \$10 cash to NJM.] We continue to be interviewed by the mainstream press, and have been on talk radio. We are indeed moving onward.

We are all familiar with the enlistment slogan of the Marine Corps, "*we are looking for a few good men*". Well, the spirit of liberty is calling out for a few good women too.

It is looking for men and women who have the courage to stand up for its philosophy. It is calling for us to become vigilant once again. It is seeking those who are Americans in the true sense of the word, to re-establish what has been lacking for many decades; law and order. Of course, with the presence of law and order, tranquility between the people and its government will be the order of the day.

Who then will meet this challenge? Will we proclaim that we are free? Yet, at the same time, will no one question government authority? Will we continue to be so engrossed in entertainment that we have absolutely no idea of what our form of government was founded upon and to what extreme we have gone? Will we continue to stand on the side lines, as the past generation has done, to allow the public servant to create more rules and regulations which has eroded our substance and which has made everyone a potential criminal? As our freedoms have been and continue to be destroyed, we are marching off to another war. Many questions should be raised concerning the deployment of American troops on foreign soil. Was there any threat to the United States? NO!! Was there a declaration of war by Congress? NO!! We can say, without doubt, we are living under a dictatorship. But do we realize it, do we see it? NO!!

Do you realize, that in addition to the movement to ban weapons there is one to immobilize the public through coercive legislation such as the Federal Clean Air Mandate Compliance Act (SCS-1700), and employee trip reduction schemes that will force people to use government's mass transit system? There has been a build up of foreign troops which are deployed at U.S. bases for training. Why are these events going unchallenged by the people of New Jersey? In any judgment, this inaction is remiss.

In light of the ever-expanding role of government, which has the tendency, all too often, of being violent in its nature, the NJM is seeking to accomplish a number of objectives. We are following the principle that the pen is mightier than the sword; therefore, we will develop a two-team committee to debate the public servant. One team will participate in the debate, the other team will be focusing on research. There will be a wide range of topics. I am looking to have this team together by the middle of February. We will be looking to establish the common law court and jury system; therefore, if you are knowledgeable in debate or research and would like to participate, please contact us.

Not only in readership are we looking to expand our News letter, but we are endeavoring to bring more information to you. This can be accomplished through in-depth reporting. Once again, if you have skills in this area, let's hear from you.

Another important objective of ours is to establish communication with other militias throughout the states. In doing so, we will establish good working relationships. In my opinion, developing unity within our state and throughout the states is indeed essential to the well-being of America and her people.

Looking at the above agenda, one would think that this is not the function of the militia. Perhaps I have a different picture in mind. First, knowledge is freedom, therefore, without it, one cannot possibly defend liberty. The strongest defenders of freedom are those who hold knowledge in the philosophy of liberty. From the above agenda, this should have the potential of an outstanding recruitment program. In keeping with the functions of a militia, yes, we will set an agenda for both classroom and field exercises. But, to become more effective, we must increase our numbers in all 21 counties. This will enable our natural lawful function more resources to work with. We are looking to create a staff that is made up of people from all counties.

The first year is now behind us, let us move forward with more confidence, knowledge and eagerness. Let us answer to the call of liberty in its crucial hour.

## NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL MILITIA PRESS RELEASE

Representatives of Militia organizations from five New England states met in central New Hampshire Wednesday, November 22nd, 1995, establishing in principle, an operational framework that will span the northeast. Concerned citizens from across the region have expressed interest in Militia activities, and numerous units are now established in every state. Regional leaders are intent on bringing a

new level of professionalism and unity to the many groups, and hope to find widespread support for their initiative. There is no current statutory provision for interstate Militia operations, so the New England Regional Militia staff have assembled as a *working group*. The mission of the group is to advise organizations within the States, provide for efficient networking of qualified personnel, establish credible contingency plans, and respond to the concerns of the public regarding ongoing operations.

With participants from Rhode Island, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut attending, individuals agreed on assignments according to their past experience. Supply, training, public relations, and intelligence gathering, were among the areas discussed by the group. Those in attendance view the possibility of economic collapse (due to skyrocketing national debt) and accompanying civil disorder, as the predominant threats to Liberty and security in New England. They point to a growing body of evidence, in the form of government documents, suggesting that implementation of emergency measures nationally, would force the surrender of local resources and personal Liberties. According to Militia leaders, the President enjoys broad, discretionary authority in these matters, and can institute radical emergency action without an appropriately serious cause. NERM organizers will develop and implement tactical contingency plans for civil and natural emergencies, geared to the preservation of citizen's Liberties and the maintenance of local control in all circumstances. Participants at the first meeting of the group agreed that more interaction and cooperation between local units is desirable, in view of the northeast's limited geographic area of operations.

Leroy Crenshaw, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and Scott Stevens, of Cornish, New Hampshire, have been appointed by the NERM combined operations staff as public relations liaisons for the region. Crenshaw, a school teacher and founder of the For The People Discussion group, has accumulated 25 years of experience in the area of aggressive political action. He has conducted numerous rallies, and regularly appears on television and radio broadcasts representing the Freedom Movement. Stevens, director of the White Mountain Militia Information Service, often appears on New Hampshire television and radio stations as a guest, and hosts a nationally broadcast radio show, weekly.

Stevens and Crenshaw are the only authorized spokes-people for the New England Regional Militia, and will act as points of contact

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Future exercises and meetings will be announced if and when appropriate.

**NOTE:** *NJM has been in contact with the New England Regional Militia and will be attending their meetings in the future.*

## Where Clinton's Republican Opponents Stand on Gun Control

On Nov. 23, 1993, the Brady Bill was considered dead for the year, having been killed by a bipartisan filibuster. On Nov. 24 Sen. Bob Dole agreed to stop the filibuster and let Brady pass. He did this when there were only three senators on the floor--everyone else was home for Thanksgiving. Any one of the three, Dole being among them, could have objected and thereby prevented the bill's passage. Dole did not object and the Brady bill passed. Later Dole said, *"I know Gun Owners of America ...are blaming me for the Brady bill that passed because I sat there with the majority leader...and let that bill pass. I was picketed, and they called me a traitor, and everything else...because that happened."*

On Nov. 19, 1993, Dole voted for the crime bill, which contained the Feinstein ban on more than 180 firearms. Moreover, he brokered a deal to prevent a filibuster on the Feinstein amendment.

On Mar. 10, 1995, Dole told Tanya Metaska of the NRA that the repeal of the semi-auto ban *"is one of my legislative priorities...and I hope to have a bill on Pres. Clinton's desk by this summer."* In May he asked for *"unanimous consent that no assault weapons amendments be in order to the terrorism bill."* At Dole's request the Senate

calendar for the first day of debate on the terror package stated *"No assault weapon amendments [shall] be in order to S.735."*

In Feb., 1994, Dole introduced S.1815, a bill requiring the government to pay people to turn in their guns. He also introduced a resolution supporting Clinton's position on the Chicago gun sweeps.

On June 7, 1995, Dole voted for the terror bill (S.735) which would increase the BATF's budget by \$100 million. (It also would allow the military to enforce civilian law and permit the government to wiretap one's home if a person subject to a wiretap order visits his home.)

**Pat Buchanan's Position Statement:** *"The Second Amendment guarantees the fundamental individual right to own, possess and use personal firearms. This right is a personal and individual right that the Constitution says shall not be infringed. If I am elected President, it won't be."*

*"In Montana, Sheriff Jay Printz refused to enforce the Brady law mandating background checks on gun buyers...Under the 10th Amendment [U.S. District Judge Lovell] ruled that the federal government cannot force states to ...carry out federal responsibilities...The 10th Amendment rebellion is a cause that populists and conservatives ought not only to be behind, but out in front of."*

On Nov. 19, 1993, Sen. Phil Gramm voted for the Crime Bill which contained the Feinstein ban on semi-automatics and the limitation on magazine capacity.

In 1993 Gramm sponsored S. Con. Res 12 to *"recognize the heroic sacrifice of the Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Waco, Texas."* The resolution states the *"sacrifice and dedication"* of BATF agents is *"a cornerstone of our*

*system of justice"* and is a cause for pride.--On June 7, 1995, he voted for the terror bill (S.735) which contained a provision to increase BATF's funding by \$100 million.

Gramm said that he would consider Mass. Gov. Bill Weld as his running mate. Weld promised to oppose banning guns, but once in office he supported a ban on semi-automatic firearms.

Gramm was responsible for Mikhail Gorbachev receiving a \$50,000 honorarium from the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee when he spoke at a fund-raiser in 1993. Gorbachev was the dictator who ensured that the Russian people were kept disarmed; he also disarmed the Lithuanian people.

Though not a Republican Ross Perot told the Dallas Times-Herald in June, 1992: *"Pick a night and cordon off a section of South Dallas. Send hundreds of police officers into the area to vacuum it up. Shake down everybody on the street. Search every house and apartment. confiscate all drugs and weapons."*

Source: *The Gun Owners*, Dec, 1995, published by Gun Owners of America, Inc., Suite 102, 8001 Forbes Place, Springfield, VA 22151; (703) 321-8585. Membership: \$20

*NJM:* GOA is a no compromise organization. If the NRA had the same principled convictions the Second Amendment would be secure.

## RADICAL

*1) Pertaining to the root or origin, original; fundamental; as a radical truth; or error; a radical evil; a radical difference of opinions or systems.*

American Dictionary of The English Language, First Edition Noah Webster, 1828.

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